



# The Miller's Daughter and the House of Secrets

Once upon a time, in a land of rolling hills and chirping birds, there lived a miller with a beautiful daughter. As she grew up, the miller hoped to see her well married. One day, a suitor came, rich and well-dressed, and the miller, seeing no fault in him, promised his daughter's hand. But the maiden felt uneasy about her betrothed, sensing something sinister beneath his appearance.

The suitor invited her to his home in the dark forest. Despite her reluctance, she set out to find it, scattering peas and lentils along her path through the dense woods. She discovered a gloomy house, where an old woman warned her of a dreadful truth – she was in a house of murderers, and she was to be their next victim.

The old woman hid her behind a large barrel. That night, the robbers brought another girl, fed her poisoned wine, and cruelly ended her life. In a twist of fate, a ring from the victim's finger rolled to the hidden maiden. The robbers, drunk and unknowing, fell asleep, allowing the maiden and the old woman to escape, guided back by the sprouted peas and lentils.

On the day of her supposed wedding, the truth came out. As guests gathered, the suitor asked the maiden to share a story. She recounted her harrowing experience as a dream, revealing in the end the ring from the finger of the murdered girl. The color drained from the suitor's face as he tried to flee, but he was captured and brought to justice, along with his gang of robbers.

The tale of the miller's daughter and her narrow escape from the clutches of evil became a story of bravery, wit, and the triumph of good over wickedness, reminding all of the power of courage and the importance of trusting one's instincts.